East Coast Railway Zone

2222. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of Railway Zonal Offices inaugurated by Government in 2001 in the country;

(b) whether the East Coast Zone is one of them;

(c) whether the Orissa Government has asked for additional funds for running the headquarter office of East Coast Railway Zone at Bhubaneswar; and

(d) if so, the funds sanctioned therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Rs. 0.10 crore has been sanctioned for the year 2001-2002.

Rail line between Ongole and Markapur in Andhra Pradesh

2223. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to lay a rail line between Ongole and Markapur in Andhra Pradesh to provide direct access from Bellery to the Port at Etamukkale for easy movement of iron ore; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.